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Gift Parcels Take Love To Japan

By Missionary Edwin B. Dozier,
on furlough from Japan

"I'm afraid my relief package to Japan never reached its destination," I overheard someone say in church recently. "It's been almost four months since it was mailed."

Many a Southern Baptist probably feels the same way. As your representative in postwar Japan for the past year, let me assure you, your gift was received. Acknowledgment is inevitably slow. Sometimes it is impossible because the address of the sender has been obliterated from the package, or because the recipient cannot use English or purchase the stationery and postage stamp for a letter.

But the blessings from these person-to-person gifts far outweigh the expense and effort involved in preparing them. An eleven-pound parcel was delivered to one home. The wife and mother received it joyfully and decided she would wait until the family came home from school and work to open it. At the supper table she said, "I've got a surprise for you. Now hurry and when the table is cleared ..."

Before she could finish there was a chorus of "It must be a package" (Continued on Page Two)

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Baptist Leader Receives Citation



ALFRED CARPENTER

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United Nations," Dr. Alfred Carpenter of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board was awarded the Presidential Medal for Merit in Washington, Tuesday, November 25.

Secretary of the Army Royall, in the presence of high-ranking government officials, presented the award at a formal ceremony in his office in the Pentagon Building. Also present at the (Continued on Page Two)

Paul Boothe Joins S. S. Department



REV. PAUL D. BOOTHE

By E. C. Williams

Rev. Paul D. Boothe is coming as associate Sunday school secretary the first of January.

Mr. Boothe is a splendid Christian gentleman, capable of rendering a most excellent service to Mississippi Baptists in this capacity. He has been a progressive pastor wherever he has gone. He stood high in the esteem of the people with whom he has served. His record in all his work is splendid indeed.

Mr. Boothe attended grammar and high school in his home county of Jeff-Davis, and then did his college work at Mississippi Southern and Mississippi College. He took his Master's (Continued on Page Five)

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The Washington Review

By Larston D. Farrar

CHURCH LEADERS FOCUS ATTENTION ON TAX BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C. — There is a great interest among church representatives here in the forthcoming tax bill to be considered in the regular session of Congress—as distinguished from the special session.

This interest centers on the blanket \$500 exemption for contributions, etc. allowed to all persons earning \$5,000 a year or more, and the 10 per cent straight exemption for the same purposes allowed to those making less than \$5,000 annually.

It's the contention of the church representatives that the government, through allowing the blanket exemption to everyone, actually encourages people to save money by not contributing to church and charities because every taxpayer is allowed the (Continued on Page Five)

Dr. Franks Gives A "Close-UP" View Of Baptists In Poland

By J. D. Franks

During my recent visit in Poland I was impressed with the general high quality of Poland's younger religious leadership. They seemed to be a group of earnest, hard-working men and women, who realize that they had a stupendous task before them in the reconstruction of their badly demoralized and disrupted church life. But they were going about the task with determination and faith. I honor them, regardless of their religious affiliations, for their fine spirit, for their vision and their courage.

Honored By Pastors

On my way from Copenhagen to Warsaw it was my privilege to be associated with a group of fourteen Polish pastors, laymen and women who had also attended the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance. They were on their way home. They honored me as their guest at a luncheon given on board the good ship which carried us across the Baltic Sea. They were a most cordial, hospitable host. The fellowship around that festive board was superb. They enjoyed one another's jokes. They even laughed at mine, given through an interpreter. (A caution: Don't ever try to play on words when speaking through an interpreter,

particularly in telling stories. It might back-fire. Was my face red when I later learned what I had actually said in one of my best puns.)

In that group were several of their trusted leaders. Among them were Alfred Kurzawo, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary, at Malbrog, and Alexander Kircun, executive secretary of the Polish Baptist Union.

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MR. OWEN COOPER

Owen Cooper, President of the State Baptist Training Union Convention will preside over the Convention sessions on Tuesday, December 30th. The meeting will be held in Jackson at First Baptist Church. Mr. Cooper will bring a brief message in the opening session of the convention, using as his subject, the 1948 Theme, "Follow Me." A highly inspirational program of Bible drills, story telling, practical conferences, persuasive speaking, interspersed with congregational singing and special music awaits all who attend. A great day is anticipated. Come thou with us.

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PENTECOSTAL MEETINGS BANNED IN POMPEI

ROME —(RNS)— An official decree has been issued by the prefect of the Naples province forbidding members of the Italian Pentecostal sect from holding worship meetings in the historically-famous town of Pentecostal gatherings are offensive to the pre-

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THE BAPTIST RECORD EF PLAN HELPS INCREASE SPIRITUALITY

DR. FRANKS GIVES A "CLOSE-UP" VIEW OF BAPTISTS IN POLAND

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Both of these men are comparatively young. In the providence of God, Brother Kurzawo was in America at the outbreak of the war and could not return until long after the war was over. He made use of the seven years he was in America to get a theological education. He graduated from Crozer and did his residence study for his doctorate at Union Theological Seminary, New York. In young, scholarly, Brother Kurzawo Polish Baptists have promise of a great leader in the field of theological education.

Brother Kircun is a vigorous Baptist layman. He gives his full time to the Baptist work in Poland. He spends much time on the road, visiting and encouraging the church, their pastors and other church leaders. The inset shows him standing in a bomb crater which is in the center of the ground where once stood their best Baptist church house in Warsaw. With justifiable pride he took me to see a devoted Baptist couple, a man and his wife, who out of their own personal savings had built a new, brick chapel, which they were turning over to the Baptist congregation in that fast growing area of Warsaw. Brother Kircun took time out of his busy life to accompany me for two whole days in my exploratory trip through Poland. He made a helpful and agreeable travel companion.

Poland falls within the purview of Northern Baptists' special responsibility in Europe. Northern Baptists have done and are continuing to do a very constructive work in several European countries. They have two able men who give their full time to the general supervision of their work here. Polish Baptists look to them with confidence and appreciate greatly their help.

Swedish Minister To Needy

Swedish Baptists are doing a splendid relief work in Poland. Everywhere I went I found their projects well-planned, well-provided for and under competent leadership. They major in health measures and in service to needy children. I visited two of their orphanages where they were caring for hundreds of under-nourished, poorly clad, ill orphan children. Their method is to locate these needy children, bring them to their institutions for a few months, where they give them medical help, good nourishing food, ("fatten them up", as the good-natured superintendent of one of these institutions said), nice clean beds, and bathing facilities. Before dismissing them to make room for another group just as needy, they give them a change of good clothes, and shoes, and then send them back to their homes. I wondered what would become of them then, and was happy to learn that they continue to keep in touch with them, checking up on their situation from time to time.

I must tell you this story of "Brother Peter." That is what I call him. His real name is Stefan Olichwier. He lives in a small village in the Masurian district. I had heard of "Brother Peter's" splendid work as a soul-winner and lay preacher. He was converted five years ago from the Roman Catholic faith and has become an ardent lay-evangelist. Last year he won 23 people in his village to Christ, baptized them and organized them into a Baptist Church which now meets in his home. Here he has fitted up a very nice chapel where he holds worship services regularly every Sunday morning and evening, and a Bible Study service on Wednesday evening. Peter is a fisherman. I visited him at the lake where he plies his trade. I found him a happy, smiling, radiant Christian. He greeted me cordially, according to the customary men's greeting. I thought of the Scripture, "if thine enemy smites thee on the one cheek, turn to him also the other." But he was no enemy. These were kisses of a friend. He was my friend and I felt the warmhearted Christian

GIFT PARCELS TAKE LOVE TO JAPAN

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from America!"

"It is," she assured them, and the plates were removed in nothing flat. When the package was brought out, the father said, "It's just like Santa Claus!"

"Who is Santa Claus?" asked the youngest child, as he gazed in wonder at the package.

The mother's patient, rough fingers tugged at the hard knots. The string must not be cut, nor the paper torn — it was too precious. Then as the box was opened, and each item came from it, the ah's and oh's of the children could be heard in the next block, but the mother was crying.

"Why are you crying when everything is so lovely?" asked the smallest girl.

"I was just thinking," she said. "Why should people in America love us and send us such things after what out nation did to them? It's too wonderful! And look children! How lovingly they have wrapped each gift! See how carefully they have mended and cleaned these clothes. What makes them so thoughtful? It must be because they are Christian!"

In all parts of Japan some home has received such a package and experienced the same joy and comfort, heart-searching and gratitude. A gift parcel did that.

Runaway inflation, food shortages, burglary, thefts, and general disillusionment had all but wrecked a Christian home. Mr. X actually threatened divorce. His wife could hardly get along with him. When a gift parcel arrived from unknown Christian friends in America, they opened the package together. "I didn't know anyone cared," the contrite father said. "I'm ashamed . . ." and he began to recall his pledge that he would live a life of service to glorify God.

"It's a dirty shame!" a doctor said as he left a small house muttering to himself. "That baby hasn't a chance to live because his mother hasn't the milk to feed him. She's doing the best

friendship that radiated from his genial personality.

Scriptures Are Desired

When asked if he needed anything, he replied that he needed very badly Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture leaflets in his work. I inquired if he needed anything for himself. I saw he had a family of five to support, and only a few fish hooks, lines and a boat with which to earn a livelihood. After a moment's hesitation he replied that he could use a fishing net to a good advantage. That would enable him, he said, to put more money into his work and to have something in addition with which he could help his less fortunate neighbors. Then, laughingly, he told me the story of how the Lord helped him out when he was in a tight place. He needed some extra money for a special baptismal service which he was to conduct at the lake side. He asked the Lord to help him out with his financial problem. On the day before the scheduled special service he had a phenomenal catch of 80 kilos, 160 pounds of lovely lake trout. That brought in the required extra funds. Then I thought of another man whose name was "Peter" and of the miraculous "multitude of great fishes, a hundred and fifty and three," which he landed by the help of the Master.

Brother Peter is a most refreshing Christian to know. May God raise up in Poland many more like him.

Baptists North and South will rejoice to know that their Polish Brethren share with other evangelists on an equitable basis of division in the distribution of all Church World Service relief funds and supplies.

Freshman Class Officers, Blue Mountain College



Blue Mountain, Miss., Dec. 1 — Officers and sponsor of the Freshman Class of Blue Mountain College; (left to right) Sponsor, Miss Bea Dawkins; secretary, Betty Sue Dixon, Oakville, Tenn.; vice-

president, Carolyn Rose Phelps, Louisville, Ky.; president, Hilda Lackey, Calhoun City; treasurer, Suzanne Riley, Memphis, Tenn.

she can. She simply hasn't enough to eat."

The new father called at the doctor's office the next morning. "I'm sorry," the physician said. "I haven't a thing for the baby, but if you could, by some means get some special babies' powdered milk, I believe the little fellow will pull through all right. Don't you think you can manage it?"

The man was against a blank wall. Even on the black market at skyrocketing prices, no special milk for babies was to be had. That day a gift package from America containing a dozen cans of special powdered milk was delivered to the young father. Today he has a sturdy baby boy. A gift parcel did that.

The mother of a new-born baby visited her next-door neighbor to get some help and advice. "My child cries all the time," she confided. "The little thing's skin is chafed because the soap we can buy is so harsh that when I try to bathe it, the baby screams. What can I do?"

"I have just the thing for you," said the Christian woman whose children were no longer babies. In a moment, she returned to the room with a large bar of Ivory soap and two old padded diapers and a little shirt. "These were sent by Christian friends in America whom we don't know but God put it into their hearts to send them so you could have what you need for your baby."

Trembling a little, and with tears in her eyes, the little mother protested, "But I'm not a Christian! And I am one of their enemies — their former enemies! How can this be?" The sudden whimpering of her child made her accept the gift in spite of her reluctance, and she hurried home to bathe the baby. But she has been back and now she understands the mystery of Christian love. Like the Samaritan woman who found a Saviour, she says to all about her, "Come and see." A gift parcel did that.

For the name and address of a Japanese Baptist family who will be glad to receive a parcel from you, write the Baptist World Alliance, 715 Eighth Street, N. W., Washington 1, D. C. The postal authorities will now accept twenty-two pound parcels to Japanese addresses.

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Jupiter Church, Simpson County, three miles west of D'Lo will observe Christmas with special services conducted by Pastor Henry Bucklew. The services will begin Sunday morning, December 21 with all day services and dinner at the church. In the afternoon three new deacons will be ordained. The services will continue through Tuesday evening.

BAPTIST LEADER RECEIVES CITATION

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ceremony were Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Joint Committee on Public Relations, and Dr. Edward H. Pruden, pastor of the First Church, Washington, who represented Dr. W. O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. Carpenter was the 259th recipient of the civilian award since it was established by George Washington.

The citation said: "Dr. Carpenter, in his mission abroad, performed a duty which was unequaled since his itinerary was arranged just subsequent to VJ-Day, and was one which challenged the best of churchmanship in maintaining a high standard of moral among the High Command, civilian leaders, military government officials, civilian nationals, and military personnel at large."

President Truman said of Dr. Carpenter's services that he impressed upon such leaders "the great challenge of convincing the peoples in the war torn countries that the United Nations will carry on to reconstruct and rebuild the nations broken asunder by warfare."

In his global tour in 1945 Dr. Carpenter traveled 32,750 miles by plane and thousands of miles by land and sea.

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dominantly Roman Catholic population and tend to create public disorder.

"Pentecostal gatherings are held in the proximity of a sanctuary which is continuously visited by throngs of (Catholic) faithful in pilgrimage," the decree stated, "and are badly tolerated by the general population. This may cause serious incidents and upset public order. Therefore the Pentecostal sect is to be dissolved, their oratory must be closed, and no more religious meetings and manifestations are to be permitted."

The Naples decree marks the climax of a long series of restrictions imposed upon the Pentecostal sect in various parts of central and southern Italy, especially in Sicily, where the sect is strongest. Pentecostals are sometimes dubbed "holy rollers," from the fact that extremely emotional devotees sometimes fall to the ground in trances or other experiences of an organic nature.

Editor's note: This is another sample of Catholic Religious liberty when they are in the majority.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12



YOUR MAJESTY, THE KING AND QUEEN

By Miss Alene Johnson

State Training Union Department

The special attraction at a recent banquet held by the Young People's Training Union Department of First Baptist Church, Jackson, was the crowning by the pastor, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, of Queen Ernestine Cooper and King C. J. Hill, as they ascended the throne of service for the church they love. These two fine young people are members of the Torchbearers Union, which won in an Enlargement Campaign sponsored by this department over a period of several weeks. This union, the largest in the department, made more contacts in the form of visits, phone calls, and correspondence, had more visitors, and enlisted more new members than any other union; thus receiving the honor of having a king and queen reign during the evening of the banquet climaxing the contest.

Mr. C. J. Hill, vice-president of the union and chairman of the membership committee, is in charge of enlistment. He, with the cooperation of his committee, as well as every member of the union, did an excellent job. He is a young business man in Jackson and a splendid Christian gentleman.

Miss Ernestine Cooper is the capable president of the Torchbearers Union, and with her outstanding executive ability leads the entire group in a very efficient manner. She challenges the union to ever hold the "torch" high so that many others may be enlisted in training to be better church members. Since her graduation from Mississippi College in 1946, Miss Cooper has been a full time employee of Mississippi Baptists, serving in the position of secretary to Dr. D. A. McCall. Her devotion to the Lord's work, her high ideals and Christian character have deeply impressed the workers associated with her at Baptist Headquarters.

In the work of her local church, you will find Miss Cooper participating in the entire program, for not only is she an active member of Training Union, but also of the Sunday School and Y.W.A., as well as a regular attendant upon all other church services.

I

Pastor T. R. Coulter, Sr., Taylorsville Baptist Church, has done one of the most significant things coming to our attention this year in the promotion of the Co-operative Program.

Several days ago, we asked the bookkeeping department for a list of churches in each association as yet for 1947 failing to give anything for the work of Christ through the Co-operative Program. We mailed these to someone in each association. Smith County Association led the list in the total number of sixteen churches. Pastor Coulter, upon receiving the list, simply got in his car and drove 135 miles and got a Co-operative Program offering for each of these sixteen churches. Our hat is off to him and to them. We say it sympathetically, if Smith County Association can be 100%, any association can. They have a large number of churches in the first place. In the second place probably all of them are rural churches and some very much undeveloped. In the next place, most of their pastors are non-resident. We add, that to our certain knowledge, some of the finest people to be found anywhere are in some of these churches.

We still say, there is not one reason under the sun for any so-called New Testament Church of the Lord Jesus Christ being a "do nothing" church along any line.

Well, Smith County Association is 100% as to churches contributing something through the Cooperative Program for all the work of Christ! Doxology!

II

Benton Association is 100% in Cooperative Program contributions. This is about the 23rd 100% Association. Most of the others lack only 1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 churches. Let us make it 100% everywhere before December 31st! Doxology!

III

Question: How do you keep up with administration and finances as you do, yet go out to the churches so much?

Answer: I have found if you have a good organization you do not have to watch it so closely. We have a great organization here in the Baptist Building. A special committee from the Board recently studied it, talking to department heads, office secretaries, bookkeepers, and janitors. They reported everything in fine shape. Second, not being a dictator we do not keep a thumb on everybody. Third, we are still old fashioned enough to believe in the leadership of the Holy Spirit rather than manipulation! Enough for administration.

As to finances: We have good and honest bookkeepers who handle the money. Our books are audited annually. Contributions are published in the Baptist Record. Our books are open to any who come by to see them and numbers do come by. An audit summary is printed for the Convention. I am neither a bookkeeper nor an auditor. I do not meddle in their affairs. I keep in close enough touch with the books to believe and know finances are being handled aright. We think that is what Mississippi Baptists want! Do Right!

IV

Mississippi Baptists under the hand of the Lord make our financial record whether good or poor. In recent years it has been altogether good. Doxology! We are happy to pass it along to you. This record is for the Convention year, November 1, 1946 to November 1, 1947, as follows:

Co-operative Program receipts, \$682,520.66, total receipts \$1,627,666.74.

Preaching and promotional expense — 7%.

State Mission receipts — \$225,721.84.

Baptist Record profit — \$15,432.02.

Co-operative Program allocation to colleges: Mississippi College, \$54,882.30; Blue Mountain College, \$46,473.34; Mississippi Woman's College \$27,267.10; Clarke Memorial College, \$23,634.71.

In addition, the colleges received income as printed for each in the audit summary in the Convention bulletin and annual.

From the Co-operative Program, the Mississippi Baptist Hospital received \$53,916.99; Mississippi Baptist Orphanage received \$15,683.44; Ministerial Education received \$18,748.55; while the Mississippi Baptist Foundation received \$9,374.27. In addition these received designations as shown in the printed summary of their audit in the Convention bulletin.

From the Co-operative Program, southwide causes received a total of \$249,980.71. In addition, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, the Seminaries, and other causes received sizable designations. For instance, the audit shows Foreign Missions receiving \$106,922.96. In designations only, Home Missions received \$41,347.45; and Home and Foreign Missions together received \$8,856.18.

The Southern Seminary received in designations \$2,427.48, while the New Orleans Seminary received \$1,456.24. We do not note any designations for Southwestern Seminary.

Much money from missions was sent directly to the institutions and boards. It might be better reported and credited, however, if sent through the Convention Board, the churches receiving the credit, of course.

The Camp Garaywa Building Fund received \$69,964.00; Mississippi College received in designations \$136,339.90; Mississippi Woman's College received in designations \$17,177.35; Clarke Memorial College received \$24,481.88 designations; Blue Mountain College received \$1,441.00. Remember the figures we give here take into account only monies coming through this office. The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage received in designations \$55,008.39. The Mississippi Baptist Hospital Building Fund received in designations \$21,745.70. The Mississippi Baptist Foundation received in designations \$1,763.29.

Anyone desiring other information will please feel free to write. We have always revealed these matters and never concealed them. It is the King's Business! It is your business!

Building Program Inverness Launches

At a special meeting of the First Church, Inverness, J. L. Boyd, Jr., pastor, called by the Building Fund Committee, a representative group of the adult members voted unanimously to launch a building program which calls for the erection of a \$50,000 house of worship. In the report of the committee it was revealed that the Building Fund has \$15,000 cash, and an additional \$5,000 pledges. The church voted to begin a drive to raise the Building Fund to \$30,000 cash and \$20,000 in pledges which are payable within twenty-four months. When this is done, giving the \$50,000 needed for the project, plans will be ready to begin the actual erection of the new church.

The Building Fund Committee, consisting of J. R. Bradley, Chairman, W. D. Bradley, J. V. Melton, Joe Nettles, W. A. Price and N. S. Toler, Sr., covert the prayers of the brethren and sisters of the state.

BAPTISTS CRITICIZE LIFE MAGAZINE ARTICLE

ALEXANDRIA, La. —(RNS)— The Louisiana Baptist Convention, holding its 100th meeting here, protested a recent Life magazine article which, according to the Convention, alleged Baptist and Methodist leaders were "Communist sympathizers."

The Life article, tracing the growth of Methodism, was characterized by the Convention as a "criticism of Baptists and Methodists."

Addressing the Convention, Dr. Courts Redford of Atlanta, deplored what he called "church professionalism throughout the Christian world." He declared that most Christians paid or supported their clergymen and then expected to let them do all the worrying about the salvation of the congregation.

Dr. C. E. Matthews of Atlanta, told the delegates that "all churches should follow the example of the original New Testament churches, which gave their members final authority."

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Last Call For 1947

Sufficient facts and figures have
been published to prove that prices
are much higher now than one
year ago.

Any church that pays their pas-
tor no more in 1948 than they did
in 1947 are in effect reducing his
salary for the same money now
will not buy as much as it would
in January 1947.

Churches that have not com-
pleted their budgets should make
the pastor's salary for 1948 more
than it was in 1947.

Churches that have adopted
their budgets without a raise in
pastor's salary should revise the
budget now or take some from the
miscellaneous fund and do the
right thing by the pastor.

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Give The Record

Many people are worrying about
what to give for Christmas.

Through the years an increas-
ing number has sent the Baptist
Record as a Christmas present to
friends and relatives.

The Baptist Record will make a
suitable Christmas gift to a friend.
Unlike many presents, it will con-
tinue to give pleasure each week
throughout the year. Its pages will
instruct and inspire.

Give the Record and thus give
the ideal gift.

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Good Board Meeting

The recent meeting of the Con-
vention Board was a good and con-
structive one. A full account will
appear in next week's issue, and
on this page in the next issue will
be an explanation of the various
appropriations made by the Board.

From many sources we have
heard expressions of appreciation
of the faithful work of the Board
members. The feeling that we had
a good and constructive Board
meeting has been expressed by
many.

Mississippi Baptists owe a debt
of gratitude to these faithful Board

members who give two, and some
of them three days of their time
serving on this important agency.

Some of them left home early
on Wednesday morning, served
on one or more committees dur-
ing the day, attended the Board
meeting until after ten p. m.; then
went to a committee meeting that
lasted until after midnight.

At 7:30 the next morning they
started again and were on the job
until final adjournment at 4 p. m.
And after that some of them had
as much as 200 miles to travel be-
fore reaching home. Others rode
trains most of the night reaching
home the next day.

Here is a hearty "Amen" for our
Convention Board members.

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Congratulations To Purser Brothers

Last week we read in a paper
from another state the fact that the
editor had only recently received
the minutes of the Southern Bap-
tist Convention, which met in St.
Louis last May.

Mississippi Baptists get better
service on their minutes. Our State
Convention adjourned November
19. On December 2 or thirteen
days later, the State Convention
minutes were delivered.

The minutes were printed by
Purser Brothers, two fine Baptist
laymen.

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Remember The Pastor

Most churches do but for the
few that forgot at Christmas 1947,
we suggest that Christmas present
to your pastor would be most ap-
propriate.

And not only should churches
do as suggested above, but many
families should include the pastor
on their Christmas list.

One present from each family in
your church would mean much to
many pastors.

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Caution In Evangelism

Recently an article by Dr. C. E.
Matthews on Evangelism was
widely read and discussed. One of
the criticisms often heard regard-
ing so-called "mass evangelism"
deals with "high pressure" me-
thods resorted to by some evange-
lists at times.

In a late issue of the *Western
Record*, editorial comment was
presented for consideration, with
a word of caution regarding the
"pressure" exerted during special
series of services in Sunday
schools.

While we believe that the trend
is away from undue "pressure"
on people "just to count numbers",
this word of caution may be time-
ly, and may be used to warn those

who would win people to take time
to carry through the matter until
the ones sought understand fully
the way of salvation before they
join a church. One has but to read
the church rolls to realize in the
average church that many "have
joined" for some reason other
than because of a real experience
—if their lives may be considered
as proof of their "conversion."

We quote from the editorial
mentioned above:

"One of the pitfalls of evangel-
ism is the temptation, merely to
add to church membership, or to
report large results from special
meetings. So many times there
has been, on the part of a few
evangelists, a disposition to high-
pressure Sunday school depart-
ments of other groups, in an effort
to pull "converts" into a "confes-
sion."

"This has, all over the country,
been largely responsible for the
swing away from mass evange-
lism. There is no substitute for
mass evangelism, but if it is to re-
ceive broad approval from careful
pastors and the laity, it must be
kept on a firm foundation. There
is but small doubt that every year
multitudes have been swept into
"church membership" who have
experience nothing more than a
mental decision. It is dangerous
for any man to demand less than
a regenerated church member-
ship."

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we
consider one of the best editorials
coming to our attention.—
Editor.

Brave Pastors

Some of the most amusing arith-
metic in the world is that which is
accidentally involved in many letters
of churches to the associations. May-
be it is intentional, but we like to
think it is accidental.

Here is the story.

Soon after the war Pastor Roy S.
Hollomon decided to analyze his
membership roll. From the annual
associational minutes he learned that
the church, Exchange Avenue, had
3012 members. He then had his office
secretaries to make one card for each
name on the roll. When the cards
were counted Pastor Hollomon found
exactly what he had expected. There
were not 3012 members, but 2414.

He went farther. Calling in his old-
est and best-informed members to
examine the roll he discovered that
of the 2414 total 921 could not be
found at all. Extensive advertising in
the church paper did not locate a
single one of 921 unknowns.

What did the church have left?
A known membership of 1493, less
than half of the figure reported to
the association.

We congratulate Roy S. Hollomon in
being one of the bravest men we
know. He has opened a trail where
every other church ought to follow.—
The Baptist Messenger.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE December 7, 1947

	S.S.	B.T.U.
New Albany, First	520	164
New Albany, First, including Northside Mission	530	
Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave.	498	148
Crystal Springs	675	118
Laurel, First	679	228
Greenwood, First	524	
West Laurel	392	115
O'Tuckolofa, Yalobusha County	49	
Grenada, First	515	82
Jackson, Calvary	1,331	343
Jackson, Calvary including Stone St. Mission	1,371	391
Paul Truitt, Rankin County ..	61	50
Jackson, First	1,325	455
Jackson, Van Winkle	330	190
Jackson, Southside	175	94
Byram	108	66
Jackson, Davis Memorial	317	100
Jackson, Northside	401	123
Darling	63	17
Magee's Creek, Walhall County	78	105
Olive Branch	84	54
Corinth, Tate Street	221	46
Carmel, Lauderdale County ..	72	52
Houlka	95	41
West Corinth	166	64
Wallerville	74	36
Louisville, First	391	143
Gulfport, First	608	151
Murphy Creek, Winston County	105	68
New Zion, Copiah County ..	69	50
Booneville, First	257	128
East McComb	402	225
Durant	200	72
Greenville, First	605	133
Rocky Springs, Yazoo County	43	
Batesville	216	37
Columbus, First	759	307
Oloh, Marion County	89	94
Lucedale	256	109
Pascagoula, First	716	221
Cross Roads, Webster County	58	33
Ellison Ridge, Winston County	108	69
Antioch, Lawrence County ..	41	
East Columbia	108	99
Brookhaven, First	807	233
Pleasant Valley, Simpson County	78	
Laurel, Beacon	251	93
Friendship, Pike County ..	190	112
Oak Grove, Calhoun County ..	99	
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County ..	60	48
South Laurel	100	32

November 30, 1947

Rocky Springs, Yazoo County	34	
Carmel, Lawrence County ..	95	74
Oak Grove, Calhoun County ..	70	66
Cross Roads, Webster County	68	29
Soso	110	67
Laurel, Beacon	231	137
Gulfport, First	510	123
Houlka, Chickasaw County ..	77	39
Murphy Creek, Winston County	121	46
Darling	49	30
Corinth, Tate Street	208	
West Corinth	180	99
Durant	179	68
Grenada	523	100

—BR—

Dr. A. A. Kitchings recently resigned
the pastorate of Shady Grove, Copiah
County, and the church called Dr. Bryan
Simmons to become their pastor be-
ginning the middle of January or as
soon as a suitable living place can be
provided. Dr. Simmons led in the erec-
tion of this church. The church has been
repainted, fluorescent lights installed in
the main auditorium, the W. M. U. has
been revived, an adult union organized
and the church has voted to erect a
pastor's home.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG

Clinton, Mississippi

CALLED AND ACCEPTED

J. G. Burgess, Edgewood Church, Atlanta, Georgia, from First, Dawson, Georgia, from Lanett, Alabama.
P. M. Acker, Fayetteville, Georgia, from Locust Grove.
Carl Burke, Pine View, Lagrange, Georgia, from Lanett, Alabama.
I. E. Reynolds, to faculty, Golden Gate Seminary, California.
J. Ivy Edwards, Quincy, Florida from Dawson Memorial, Birmingham.
Ralph E. Powell, Bethel, Nash, Okla., from Sotanta, Kansas.
Mark Dobbs, Ridgewood, Holly Hill, Florida.
G. C. Eubanks, Anthony, Florida from Cedar Keys.
W. Hubert Barnes, Gateway Church, Lakeland, Florida from Plant City.
Paul Aiken, Kirkwood Church, Atlanta, Georgia from Warren, Arkansas.
Roy Cornelius McClung, Ninth and O, Louisville, Kentucky.
G. O. Cavanah, Smithland, Kentucky from Arlington.
T. Emerson Wortham, Central, Winchester, from Franklin.
Paul L. Stagg, Front Royal, Virginia.
Wallace R. Rogers, Citadel Square, Charleston, S. C., from First, Pensacola, Florida.
Carlton S. Prickett, Burlington, North Carolina from Woodlawn, Birmingham, Ala.
J. P. Owens, Jena, Louisiana.
Lee C. Sheppard, First, Columbia, Missouri from Pullen Memorial, Raleigh, N. C.
T. C. Chandler, Altoona, Alabama.
W. Judson Lecross, Lake Highland, Birmingham, Alabama.

137 Participate In Lebanon Assoc. Coronation
12 Crowned Queen, 2 Queen with Scepter, 1 Queen Regent



In the first event of its kind ever held in Hattiesburg, 137 young Baptists, members of the young peoples' auxiliaries of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union, received promotions in a coronation service at the Mississippi Woman's College Tatum

Court. Under the direction of Mrs. W. S. Freeland, Lucedale, district young people's leader, and Mrs. H. R. McPhail, Hattiesburg, Lebanon Association young people's leader, 62 girls became Maidens; 28 became Ladies' in Waiting; 17 were promoted

to Princesses; 12 were made Queens; two became Queens with Scepter, and one, Pat O'Mara, Main Street Baptist Church, was awarded the supreme title, Queen Regent. (Staff photo by Bob Waller).

Birmingham, Alabama.

E. F. Daniel, Roanoke, Alabama.
G. C. Eubanks, Anthony, Florida.
Guy Owen, Riverside, Fort Myers, Florida from Miami, Florida.
J. W. Spillers, Clinton, South Carolina.
J. B. Gaston, Ridgecrest Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

Evangelist Benton Attends Brotherhood Meeting

I attended the Gulf Coast Brotherhood meeting held in the Broadmoor Church on December 4, 1947. Rev. W. T. Miller is pastor of this church. I enjoyed the fine spirit of that meeting and the fellowship of the brethren. From all the evidence, the Gulf Coast Baptists are doing some good work and are growing all the time. The results of this work is due to having such a fine group for pastors on the field. Some of our outstanding preachers are found on the Gulf Coast.

—BR—

PAUL BOOTHE JOINS S. S. DEPARTMENT

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Degree in Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. He is married and they have one child—a boy.

Mr. Boothe was pastor at Port Gibson from June, 1942, until July 1, 1947. While a pastor at Port Gibson he served as the Board Member from that association from 1943 until 1946. He felt led of the Lord to enter Denominational work July 1, 1947, and went to Georgia as associate Sunday school secretary of that state. We felt led from the time W. R. Roberts resigned this work to become Secretary of the Brotherhood work with Convention Board to offer this work to Brother Boothe. When we did approach him, he felt the Lord was in it and happily agreed to return to Mississippi.

—BR—

Prayer meeting attendance at Durant Church on November 26 was 101. Rev. E. M. Day is pastor.

Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

December 15—Charlie Allman, secretary, Winston County Brotherhood Association.
December 16—Miss Patsy Bailey, office secretary, Music Department.
December 17—Mrs. Alda Matthews, Superintendent, Mailing Department, Baptist Record.
December 18—J. D. Rosenberry, vice-president, Jones County Brotherhood Association.
December 19—Miss Elizabeth Draughon, Editorial Assistant, Baptist Record.
December 20—Miss Nettie Ree Traylor, office secretary, W. M. U. Department.
December 21—J. A. Goza, First Vice-President, Pike County Brotherhood Association.

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THE WASHINGTON REVIEW

exemption whether he contributes anything or nothing.

It is generally conceded among churchmen that the new tax bill, to be introduced by Rep. Harold Knutson (R-Minn.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, will sidestep the issue of the straight exemptions now allowed for contributions, interest paid, and other deductible items used in arriving at taxable net income.

However, the churchmen from a long-range point of view are letting Congressmen know how they feel on the straight deduction issue and there is some hope that when a real "reform" tax bill is introduced after the '48 elections, Congress may take some action to do away with the straight deduction allowance.

SAMPLE CHURCH BUDGETS

Brethren over the state have asked us for help in fashioning local church budgets. It seems to us the most help might be derived from considering budgets of churches of varying types and sizes. Last week we presented the budget from one of our finest full-time rural churches. This week we are happy to present the budget of another of our fine full-time rural churches as follows:

Name of Church: Bunker Hill Baptist Church.
Location of Church: Eleven miles Northeast of Columbia, Marion County, Mississippi.

Name of Pastor: H. D. Jordan.
Address of Pastor: Columbia, Miss., R. F. D. No. 2, Box 126.
Name of Treasurer: L. B. Thompson.
Address of Treasurer: Columbia, Miss., R. F. D. No. 2, Box 126.
Type Church: Rural, open-country, farmers.
Average Income of Membership: Average.

BUDGET

Pastor's Salary	\$3,000.00
Baptist Record (Every Family)	150.00
Literature (W. M. U., S. S., B. T. U.)	375.00
Custodian	330.00
Insurance	150.00
Heat and Lights	250.00
Minister's Retirement	103.50
Bus Fund	1,000.00
Incidentals	250.00
Co-operative Program	2,000.00

TOTAL \$7,558.50

Special offerings are taken in connection with Woman's Missionary Union Week of Prayer for State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions. All specials for denominational institutions come out of 50% of receipts over and above the budget. Last year Mississippi College was given \$500.00, Clarke College \$300.00, and Mississippi Baptist Hospital \$300.00 from these receipts. The remaining 50% over and above the budget for the past three years has been used to purchase four all-steel-body buses. All fifth Sunday offerings were added to this fund.

Every Member Canvass. We do not take Every Member Canvass in the sense of securing a definite amount pledged to the church budget. Effort is made to lead each member to accept tithes and offerings as God's plan for financing His work. Each year when the budget is adopted a special effort is made to enlist non-tithers by having a Stewardship revival or with a special campaign conducted through the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union. The pastor, deacons, general officers, teachers and leaders are given an opportunity to sign a titling card. It is then presented to the departments and classes. The pastor uses the worship services as a follow-up opportunity, and pastoral calls are made with the purpose of enlisting tithers.

The following books and tracts on the budget, Stewardship and titling have been found helpful:

The Grace of Living, P. E. Burroughs.
Growing a Church, P. E. Burroughs.
Into My Store-House, Simpson.
The Church in Our Town, Smith.
What Makes a Church Vital?
The Country Church, An Economic and Social Force.
The Job of The Rural Church in This Day.
Intensifying the Rural Church Program.
How a Farmer May Tithe.
God's Message To Me on Stewardship.
The Co-operative Program, What? Why? How?
Shall We Tithe?
State Missions in Panorama.

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Stewardship Department

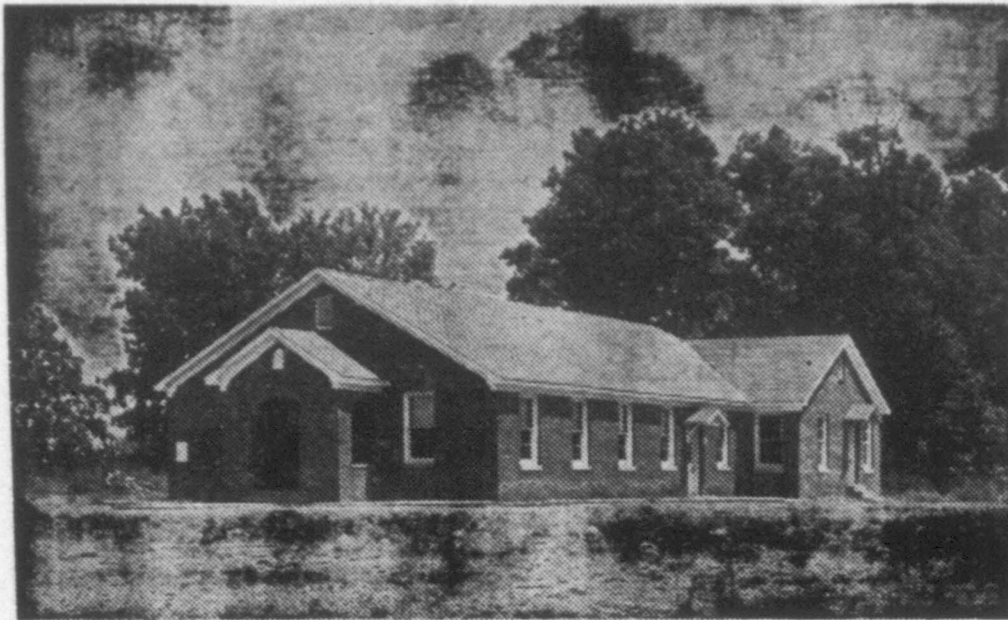
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Pleasant Hill Church, Union County



GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

PLEASANT HILL

Pleasant Hill Church, five miles northeast of New Albany recently dedicated the educational annex as shown on the rear of the church pictured above.

The Pleasant Hill people believe in the no debt plan. There is no debt on the church property.

Rev. Bilbo Lively, the pastor, gave a history of the Church, Miss Ruby McGee welcomed those present and I preached the dedication sermon.

Dinner on the ground was a sumptuous feast and I mean sumptuous. In the afternoon Rev. J.R. Davis, New Albany pastor, discussed "Baptist History," former pastors made short talks, Rev. R. B. Patterson, Pontotoc County missionary, spoke on "Church Missions," and Dr. W. E. Greene, Clarke Memorial College president, spoke on "Church Evangelism." After the notes were burned, Dr. J. P. Kirkland led the dedicatory prayer.

Union County now has Record readers listed as follows: AMAZIAH 25, Blue Springs 9, CENTER 56, ELLISTOWN 56, ENTERPRISE 44, GLENFIELD 35, HARMONY 25, IN-GOMAR 86, Jericho 1, Martin 7, MYRTLE 58, NEW ALBANY FIRST 383, NEELY MEMORIAL 29, NEW HARMONY 62, Oak Grove 1, Pleasant Hill 14, Pleasant Ridge 2, WALLERVILLE 49.

WATER VALLEY

Pastor Howard's absence was my good fortune. I had the pleasure of supplying at Water Valley.

A good crowd was present and all organizations are in high gear.

A beautiful and commodious modern pastor's home has recently been completed.

Yalobusha County now has Record readers listed as follows:

Camp Ground 41, Coffeeville 43, Dividing Ridge 29, Elam 1, Haven Hill 1, New Hope 26, Oak Grove 1, Oakland 15, O'Tuckolofa 22, Pilgrim's Rest 7, Pine Grove 3, Scobey 7, Spring Hill 25, Sylvarena 31, Tillatoba 40, Water Valley 117, Wayside 1.

N. W. MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

I recently had the privilege of attending the monthly meeting of the Northwest Mississippi Baptist's Pastor's Conference at Batesville. After hearing a helpful and heartening address on "The Pastor and His Prayer Life," I was given an hour to tell about my trip to Europe and the Baptist World Alliance.

The fellowship was fine and all the pastors made good reports.

Panola County now has Record readers listed as follows: Askew 15, Batesville 156, Courtland 22, Crenshaw 40, Curtis 1, Easley Memoria 61, Enon 37, Good Hope 34, Hebron 19, Liberty Hill 63, Locke Station 12, Longtown 11, McIlvor 1, Peach Creek 57, Philgrim's Rest 27, Pope 24, Sardis 29, Tocowa 27, Union 35, White Oak 18, Como 23.

RILEY SENDS LIST

Rev. M. S. Riley, who serves the New Jerusalem Church, Carroll County, in connection with his pastorate at Carrollton recently sent an EVERY FAMILY list for the New Jerusalem Church.

Pastor Riley having experienced the EVERY FAMILY Plan at Carrollton and North Carrollton knows of its value and feels that it will help to keep his people informed.

Baptist Record readers in Carroll County are now listed as follows: Avalon 1, Calvary 11, Carrollton 25, Centerville 7, Coila 8, Harmony 2, Leflore 1, McCarley 5, Mt. Olive 1, Mt. Pisgah 13, New Jerusalem 10, New Shiloh 1, New Salem 15, North Carrollton 33, Old Plank 13, Providence 7, Valden 46.

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69 Professions In Beaumont Revival

Beaumont Church, Rev. Paul Z. Ball, pastor experienced a genuine revival when Rev. Percy Ray, Home Board evangelist, conducted services October 20-31. The music was directed by the pastor.

There were 69 professions of faith, and others have continued to come into the fellowship since the close of the special services.

On November 30 there was a record attendance in the Sunday School with 155 present. The Training Union attendance was 87.

The church is remodeling the inside of the building and also painting the outside.



BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

Box 530 - - - Phone 2-1600 - - - Jackson

DAUNIE JEAN SMITH, Office Secretary

POTPOURRI

Recently, four Baylor U. students preached in a great City-Wide Baptist Youth Revival in New Orleans. All services were held at the St. Charles Ave. Baptist Church... At the Univ. of N. Carolina, plans are under way to build a Student Center for its 2,000 Baptists... Did you hear Dr. John Freeman say at the Miss. Baptist Convention that Howard College, B'ham, is sponsoring 22 schools for Negroes? Seems to me I heard him say something like that. And Bro. Fred Bookter, speaking on Negro Ministerial Education, said \$50,000 is needed for this important work in Miss... O. L. Malone writes from Miss. College that they recently had their relief drive and shipped about 2,000 pounds of clothing, bedding and shoes to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans, La., as well as almost \$200 in cash. At Clarke, according to Louie Farmer, 375 pounds of clothing was recently sent. Mr. Chas. R. Gage, of New Orleans center, writes that he wants to help the Miss. Baptist Convention "in whatever program they decide upon."... Circulation of the Baptist Student at Jones Jr. is 26; at MSCW, 35; at Delta State, 22; at Pearl River Jr., 30; at Ole Miss, 50; at Blue Mt., 95; at Clark, 70; at Sunflower Jr., 14; at Miss. State, 36; at Miss. Southern, 45; at Miss. College 79; at Belhaven, 30... Five church members were recently won to Christ at Miss. College... Stood in the rain for the 1st half of the State-Southern game with Carl Nowell, then that night enjoyed, with Eva Lois, the MS CW and State crowds and others, a delightful banquet in the Starkville Church. Chas. Buchannan was toast-

master, Riley Munday, the speaker. Both were excellent, as was expected... Student Sec'y Margaret McClellan, of MSCW, writes: "The Convention was really a mountain top experience to all my girls. Not only are they talking about the program... but, also, they are singing the praises of Meridian. Everyone has had nothing but praise for the cordial way they were treated in homes, in restaurants, and just on the streets... The Fifteenth Avenue Church did a wonderful job of entertaining... Your brother is a wonderful preacher... I thought his message on Sunday was tops."... "News Nuggets" is the name of the BSU page, written by Jones Jr. Student Sec'y Mary Tom Berry in the monthly "Messenger" of Missionary John W. Cook. 'Tis a good page, too—very readable... A recent letter from Mrs. Marcus Smith, Sec'y at E. C. J. C., says: "Our hearts were thrilled here last night to see about thirty students in the church choir. As everyone left the auditorium... they were singing 'Christ for Me.'... Prove your love for Christ by contributing at least a tenth to His cause."

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Bowmar Avenue Church, of Vicksburg, Mississippi, Rev. Homer W. Roberson, Pastor and O. L. Chambers, Minister of Religious Education and Music, are broadcasting their Sunday even worship services over radio station WQBC, Vicksburg. The radio audience is estimated to be 20,000. The broadcast is financed by the church budget. Many souls have been saved and the broadcast is greatly appreciated by the people who listen. The radio service consist of congregational singing, special music by a fine choir, and a thirty minute evangelistic message by the pastor.

A 12 Month Christmas Gift

Christmas is coming! Birthdays, wedding anniversaries, other special days are always coming. Young people going away to school are to be remembered with a reassuring gift from loved ones back home, that will turn their hearts not only toward you but toward God. Dear ones—a mother or father or a friend, grown old—now shut in from the activities of life, must be remembered in a way that will bless them through the years.

Why not let a subscription to the Baptist Record do all this for you? Send us the subscription price (\$1.50 annually) and the name and address and the tender thought you have in mind in making the gift, and the date you want the subscription to begin. Do it now! Express your love in a worthy way. We will see that they get the first issue at the right time, and, if you desire it, a special card telling them who the donor is and why it is given.

The Baptist Record will solve your special gift problem NOW. Throughout the year or years it will be a weekly reminder of your thoughtfulness and love. Write us at P. O. Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss. We will see that your wishes are carried out to the letter.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

Friends throughout the state will be happy to know that our Sunday School Secretary is recovering from a recent operation. He is at his home, 1432 Greymont, Jackson.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

From a recent check of the Vacation Bible schools held during 1947, we find these most interesting facts:

765 schools were held. This is over a hundred more than any previous year's schools.

A total of \$7,982.32 was given through these schools for various mission causes. Special emphasis was placed this year on gifts through the Co-operative Program. 158 schools gave \$1,501.00 to the Cooperative Program.

The most encouraging fact concerning our Vacation Bible school program for this year was the number of conversions. 188 schools reported 1,032 conversions.

Begin now making your plans for your Vacation Bible School for next year that it may be the best you have ever had and that we might better our state record.

NOVEMBER STANDARDS

The following units were standard during the month of November:

Schools: Newton, Rev. R. A. Morris,

pastor, Mr. E. L. Clark, superintendent; Pascagoula First, Dr. L. E. Green, pastor, Mr. G. W. Hall, superintendent; Meridian South Side, Rev. A. Estus Mason, pastor, Mr. William G. Hall, superintendent.

Departments: Beginner, Mendenhall, Mrs. Essie Nunnery, superintendent

1947-48 STANDARDS

Let's make 1947-48 the greatest year in standard recognitions in the history of Mississippi Sunday school work. Any Sunday school, regardless of its size, can have one or more standard units. If yours is not a departmentized school you may work toward standardizing your classes. If yours is a departmentized school you can have standard departments as well as classes. Why not begin now checking your classes and departments by the standard. Many lack only a few points of becoming standard now. A little extra work on the part of the leaders in these groups will help to put that unit on the standard list. If you do not have a copy of the standard, you may get one by dropping a card to the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson. Many class and department applications should be coming to us at the close of this quarter.

Department Of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director
Box 530 - - - Phone 3-9106 - - - Jackson
RUTH STERLING, Office Secretary

A Good Example

The Lauderdale County Christian Citizens' League is setting a worthy example for other counties. They have succeeded in closing the Casino Night Club near Meridian. They also have others facing court hearings on injunctions issued to prevent operations. These cesspools of iniquity can be closed in every county if Christian people want them closed bad enough to organize and work to that end. We should either destroy these places which are breeding crime or else close our courts entirely and quit wasting our tax money.

Panola County Organizes

The Christian citizens of Panola County have petitioned the Board of Supervisors to call an election in an effort to oust beer from their county. On November 23 it was our privilege to speak three times in their county: at Como Baptist Church at 11:00 a. m., Sardis Court House rally in the afternoon, and at Batesville Baptist Church Sunday night. Just before going in to speak Sunday afternoon, the liquor crowd came for a conference hoping to take all the thunder out of the rally. Several of them stayed through the meeting, and they found that instead of stealing the thunder, they added the lightning to the meeting. This rally was well attended and at the close they voted a Christian Citizens' League to continue their fight for civic righteousness. Many of the Christian people of Panola County are wholeheartedly entering into the campaign to oust beer and clean up their county.

Beaumont Services

We had a great day with Pastor

Paul Z. Ball and the saints at Beaumont November 16. His people manifested a great interest in the fight against John Barleycorn. A large crowd attended the morning service, and the house was filled almost to capacity for the evening service. Brother Ball is uncompromising in his stand against all types of lawlessness and crime. He is doing a good job.

Sunday - November 30

At the 11:00 o'clock service, we spoke to the saints at Webb. Pastor Frank Campbell had arranged for this special service. His people manifested an interest in our campaign against the Bloody Monster, Drink. At the evening hour of worship, we had part in the ordination service for Brother Mitchell Graves at Southside Church in Jackson.

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Don't Forget The Nursery At Louisville Seminary

While we are giving gifts to the Christ Child let us not forget a little gift to the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, for the nursery building.

There is great need for this building where young mothers with great ambition to attend classes with their husbands, can leave their babies a few hours each day with a kind Christian matron.

Let us try to give it as a Christmas gift to Christ next year and how it would rejoice His loving heart. A Lady from Mississippi.

—BR—

Recently Bowmar Avenue Church of Vicksburg shipped \$500.00 worth of clothing to Europe.

Who's Who At Blue Mountain



Blue Mountain, Miss., Dec. 4—These students of Blue Mountain College have been elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges: (left to right) Kathryn Jewel, Meridian; Joyce Bol-

ton, Henderson, Tenn.; Betty Hubbard, Bonita; Ardelle Bryan, Eads, Tenn.; Bonnie Gene Boland, Calhoun City; Ruth Swann, Statesville, N. C.; and Jean Yates, Houston, Tex.

HAWKINS ACCEPTS MT. ZION, PIKE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Paul B. Hawkins of Jackson has accepted the pastorate of Mt. Zion Church, Pike County Association, succeeding the Rev. George Raborn. The new pastor is a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He completed his work at Mississippi College in 1945.

Other pastorates held by Rev. Hawkins have been Conehatta in Newton County Williamsburg in Covington County and also for a time associational missionary for Covington County.

Mrs. Hawkins is the former Miss

Elsie Mae Riser of Forest and Jackson. She is at present serving on the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

The Sunday School is planning for a Christmas program and the Training Union will have a study course during December.

The church is responding in a fine way to the leadership of the pastor.

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Rev. Bill Smith, a student at Mississippi College, has accepted the pastorate of Tinsley Church in Yazoo County, and began his work the first Sunday in December. The church had been without a pastor since August 10.

THE CHILDREN, FACULTY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE . . .

Wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your cooperation and support throughout the year and more especially at this Thanksgiving season. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for your continued love, support and prayers.

Wishing for each of you the joys of this holiday season and praying God's richest blessing upon you in the new year,

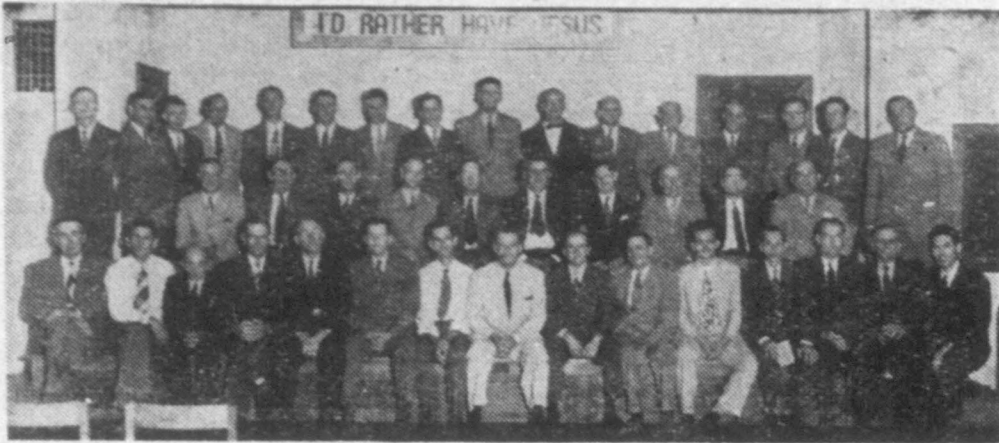
We are gratefully yours,

THE CHILDREN, FACULTY, TRUSTEES AND
MANAGEMENT OF THE BAPTIST
ORPHANAGE.

By W. G. MIZE, Superintendent.



Brotherhood Department
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JOAN HENDERSON, Office Secretary



The above is a picture of the Brotherhood of First Church, Grenada, Dr. G. E. Wiley, pastor. This is one of the most active Brotherhoods in the state, and has made itself felt in the local church, association and district. The officers are: John Mitchell, president; J. D. Moss, activities vice-president; Ed Sweatland, membership vice-president; Hubert Fisher, program vice-president; and Archie Mitchell, secretary-treasurer.

LEFLORE ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES

The men of the Leflore Association met at Calvary Church, Greenwood, on Monday, November 24, for the purpose of organizing an associational Brotherhood. The Brotherhood Secretary discussed the work of an associational Brotherhood, and assisted in setting up the organization. Seventy-five men were presented. Dr. W. C. Holland, pastor of East Greenville Church, brought the closing message "Their Cry - We Would See Jesus" in connection with the evangelistic program that was rendered. The following of that was rendered. A. L. McGaugh,

Greenwood, was elected president of the Association.

The next meeting was set to meet at Itta Bena on January 12.

WALTHAM ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES

The men of Waltham County met at Mesa Church in one of the finest meetings that it has been our privilege to attend on Tuesday evening, November 25, and set up an associational Brotherhood organization. The men were "on fire" for the Lord. Brother Thurman Booth from Terry brought the evangelistic message. They elected the following officers: Hughey H. Breeland, Tylertown, president; L. S. Alford, Jayess, program vice-president; Willard Bennett, attendance vice-president; E. R. O'Quinn, promotion vice-president; Ray Breeland, secretary - treasurer; and Rev. Eddie King, chorister. The Advisory Council is composed of Rev. O. C. Chance, New Zion Church; Rev. Ray Dykes, Tylertown Church; and Rev. W. T. Dixon, Mesa Church.

The next meeting is scheduled at Centerville Church on March 22.

Seven Centuries In One Summer

By Frank H. Leavell

The college students of Southern Baptists in great numbers worked for their denominational last summer.

A survey of the Vacation Bible School Department, made by Mr. Sibley Burnett, revealed that eighteen thousand college students participated in promoting Vacation Bible Schools. Besides these many others worked in Youth Revivals, for State Mission Boards, and the Home Mission Board. But calculating upon Mr. Burnett's figures alone some deductions are most interesting.

Had those eighteen thousand students worked for only two weeks each, and many of them worked all summer, it would mean that they worked thirty six thousand weeks for their denomination. Counting fifty working weeks per year that means these students worked seven hundred and twenty years last summer. There being one hundred years in a century that means that Baptist college students worked seven centuries plus twenty years last summer for their denomination! Figures it for yourself!

Look again. If these students had been paid but \$10 per week, whereas most of them worked for the love of it alone, that would have meant a grand total of \$360,000 that Southern Baptists would have paid for that summer's work. Stated differently, the college student of Southern Baptist

Canadian Group Asks More Moral Christmas Season

MONTREAL —(RNS)— Montreal's Catholic-sponsored League of Decency has issued an appeal for a more moral Christmas season. The group urged holiday merry-making minus drinking and immorality; calendars for 1948 minus nude or semi-nude figures; and ski excursions minus liquor and the immorality prompted by drrinking.

The League called upon Catholics to observe Christmas and New Year's in a manner befitting the religious and family nature of the holidays. Under the League's taboo came such things as riotous hotel, theatre, office and factory parties.

Such parties, the League said, "have been the cause of serious abuses from the viewpoint of intemperance and immorality."

gave their denomination the equivalent of \$360,000 in service in the three months of last summer!

What else did they do? Besides Vacation Bible School work they held Youth Revivals, conducted mountain missions, did Sunday School and Training Union work, taught mission study courses, did personal evangelism, worked in the city missions, Goodwill Centers, and worked with the foreigners, Indians, and Mexicans.

THE WORK OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS WITH THEIR STUDENTS IS PAYING BIG DIVIDENDS.

--Woman's Missionary Union--

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
 Young People's Sec'y — Miss Nell Taylor

STONEWALL, R. A. FOCUS WEEK OBSERVANCE

A letter from Mrs. Solle Smith, pastor's wife tells of the splendid observance of Focus Week. We want to share it with other chapters.

SUNDAY—Attended morning service in a group and pastor explained meaning and work of chapter.

MONDAY—Given name of unenlisted boy to see.

TUESDAY—Jr. R. A. chapter meeting (regular meeting).

WEDNESDAY—Led prayer meeting —23 boys had part. Gave the regular Ambassador Life Program.

THURSDAY—Twenty seven boys visited the Indians near Carthage. Rev. W. W. Simpson and his secretary, Nannie Mae Ben acted as our guides for the tour. We visited a government school. Our boys lost 4-9 to the Indians in a soft ball game. After the game we gathered in the auditorium where Mr. Fancher explained something of the work there—then our pastor spoke briefly to all. We visited one church which was built perhaps in 1884—while in the church Bro. Simpson spoke some words of testimony concerning his work. Our last visit was to the new stone church. We also visited Clarke College. Dr. Greene showed us the buildings and offered words of explanation. We have a ministerial student from our church in school there, so all the boys and W.M.S. members brought canned goods for him and his family. This shower was a surprise to Rev. J. W. McGrew and family! The W.M.S. provided the lunch for the day—108 sandwiches, fruit and cakes—ALL was consumed. Three cars transported these 27 boys—9 to the car! Many of the boys said it was the best day of their lives. We took pictures.

FRIDAY—Clothes were gathered for overseas relief, orphanage and local needs. On Sunday following focus week a Jr. R. A. made profession of faith. I feel that we had a great and glorious week!

TRAINING SCHOOL GREETINGS

No state could desire six finer representatives at the Woman's Missionary Union Training School than Mississippi has this year. It was the privilege of your Young People's Secretary to visit on the Training School campus during the Thanksgiving holidays, and to spend several hours with these six Mississippians. They are: Misses Grace Lovelace, Jackson; Maxie King, Canton; Cita Harris, Booneville; Helen Dale Armstrong, Prentiss; Edna Earl Poyner, Hattiesburg; and Martha Richardson, Hazlehurst.

Greetings are conveyed to friends throughout the state who are making it possible for these daughters of the King to obtain a deeper insight into God's Word and work. The Training School's purpose of meeting world needs with world-minded, well equipped servants is at work in the lives of these and each other girl who is there. Thanks are always in order for this great school!

MARGARET FUND

For thirty years the love of Woman's Missionary Union for southern Baptist missionaries has been expressed in a scholarship fund for the education of their sons and daughters known as the Margaret Fund. Since 1916 there have been 565 students

who have been beneficiaries of the fund. During the past scholastic year 120 students received scholarships. Three means of participating in this great work are offered each member of the W.M.U.

I. Through offerings made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong offering the scholarship fund is obtained.

II. Each society and auxiliary makes offerings to the special Margaret Fund (Burney gifts). Checks are sent direct to the students three times during the year. This method equalizes the gifts. These love gifts care for the personal expense of the students such as books, extra curricular activities, glasses, dental work, wearing apparel etc. The treasurer sends all Burney Gift checks through the state Margaret Fund Chairman who writes personal letters to accompany the checks. Through these gifts the young people are systematically assured of the loving interest of the members of the W.M.U. throughout the south.

III. The third means by which the constituency may vitally help these young people is through personal, prayerful interest in the students. The watchword of the Margaret Fund is "Guard that which is committed to thy trust." This verse has a deep and powerful meaning when expressed in sincere prayer for these students as they appear on the Calendar of Prayer and the calendar of your heart.

—Mrs. W. J. Cox, in W.M.U. Year Book
 The MARGARET FUND students in Mississippi Colleges are:

Mary Anne Craighead, Rumania—Blue Mountain College, Miss. Laurella Owens, Palestine—Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. Rosalind Owens, Palestine—Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. Charles Wollforth, Louisiana—Holmes Junior College, Goodman, Miss.

Miss. Students New Orleans Seminary
 The following girls are students from Mississippi at New Orleans Seminary. I am sure that a number of you would like to remember them, particularly on their birthdays.

Mississippi Girls:

Ellington, Estelle, Route No. 3, Sallis, Mississippi, Birthday: Feb. 4.

Irby, Mary Lois, State Line, Mississippi, Birthday: March 31.

Freeman, Mary, Decatur, Mississippi, Birthday: April 23.

Kuwata, Ruth, 508-A Malanal Place, Honolulu 22, T. H. Birthday: Aug. 9.

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Clyde Whiteside Heads Life Service Band At Blue Mountain College

Blue Mountain, Miss. Dec. 3 — Officers of the Life Service Band of Blue Mountain College are: President, Clyde Whiteside, Winborn; vice-president, Patricia Hicks, Mobile, Ala.; Willa Dean Featherston, Oxford; poster chairman, Fay Haire, Sherman; chorister, Ah How Ching, Honolulu, Hawaii; pianist, Garnette Faye Atkinson, Sattaria.

The band has a membership of 69. There are nine volunteers for the foreign mission fields in the group, four home mission volunteers, and student work volunteers. Several members plan to be church secretaries and educational directors, and some will enter the field of religious journalism.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary - - Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: Joe Abrams, Louise Hill, Clarice Conner, Alene Johnson.

Rev. A. L. Goodrich, Editor of the Baptist Record will be one of the guest speakers at the State Baptist Training Union Convention, meeting Tuesday, December 30th at First Baptist Church, Jackson. Mr. Goodrich will bring a message based on experiences and impressions from his European trip in July. These experiences were rich, and many, and will quicken our interests in our Brothers across the sea. "OUR WORLD" will be the background thought for this message and you will want to hear it.

LOWRY IS FIRST TO REPORT

Last week we announced that our District Presidents were going visiting. That visitation is for a purpose. They are meeting the pastors, and other leaders in the associations making up their districts, are leading these associations to set up their program for the coming year and filling out goal sheets based on the program planned. Dr. Mark Lowry, President of District Fourteen is the first to report on his visitation. A report from the Marion Co., Associational Training union is in at this writing, December 1st, and it is inspiring the cooperation of the leaders of the associations.

GREENWOOD FIRST TRAINING UNION HAS TURKEY BANQUET

The Training Union of the First Church, Greenwood held a most effective banquet on the night of November 25th. With practically 100 per cent attendance, the occasion was pronounced a great success. The Grand march was led by Mrs. J. H. Kyzar, The Doxology was sung followed by prayer led by pastor J. H. Kyzar. Mrs. P. T. Smith, the efficient director was master of ceremonies and brought a welcome message to all. Fellowship songs by the entire group, with an inspiration address by Mr. Joe Abrams of the State Training Union Department all contributed to making the occasion a very happy and profitable affair. Mrs. J. R. Massey, Educational Director of the church, rejoices with pastor Kyzar, and director Mrs. Smith in the steady progress the Training Union is making.

FIRST BILOXI SETS UP YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

Thanks to Mrs. G. C. Hodge for reporting the progress of the Young People's Union of First Biloxi. Mrs. Hodge has been the Counselor for the B.Y.P.U. and its growth has made it necessary to organize the second union and set up the young People's department. We extend our congratulations.

IN THE MAIL

You have already received or about to receive, for it's in the mail, a letter from our department. Enclosed in the letter is one copy of the Bible Readers Leaflet for the first quarter in 1948, and a copy of the State Convention Program. We have additional copies of the Bible Readers leaflet. We want to send you as many of these as you will use. They are not to be used by the members of the union for each member has the readings of the church, or others, who are not now members of the union, when they tell you they will join us in this daily reading. Let every member of every union seek to enlist three additional

daily Bible readers, or let the union set its goal for three times as many as you have members in your union. Make this one of your MUSTS for the new quarter.

HINDS BTU ADOPTS GOAL AT ANNUAL MEETING 44 Pastors, Directors Present

More than 800 members from 25 of the 31 Baptist churches of Hinds County met in their Annual Training Union Southwide simultaneous mass meeting in the Parkway Baptist church of Jackson for the launching of their 1948 goals, with the associational director, Mrs. Lewis H. Yarbrough of Jackson presiding.

John B. Eley of Terry the newly elected associate director was introduced, and other associational officers participating in this meeting were: Rev. H. A. Miller, pastor-advisor W. A. Puckett adult leader. Mrs. C. H. Cooper young people's leader. Mrs. E. E. Parker Junior leader. Mrs. R. A. Eddleman intermediate leader and Mrs. S. B. Fillingame former story hour leader, Groups directors. R. E. Purvis, Clifton Tate, W. C. Ward and Miss Wilma Cockerham.

In addition to the members participating in this meeting were 23 pastors and 21 local directors.

Some of the outstanding goals launched were 5000 enrollment, 2,500 study course awards and 5,000 Bible reading crusaders, and a definite missionary project in every training union of the county at some time during the year, and the year climaxing with an associational wide enlargement campaign with leadership from the Nashville Office. Dr. Nolan Kennedy pastor of the Clinton church brought the challenging inspirational address, "Forward With Christ," to close the program.

JOHNS CHURCH HAS ALL ENROLLED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL IN ATTENDANCE

On November 30 all the 52 enrolled in the Sunday School of Johns Church were in attendance upon the Sunday School. This is a record for the Johns Church and the people are eager to reach others for their Sunday School. J. C. Townsend is Superintendent of the Sunday School.

There are 51 enrolled in the Training Union of which J. E. Joplin is Director.—Ethel Dean Mosley, general secretary.

RANKIN COUNTY ELECTS MUSIC DIRECTOR

At the recent annual associational meeting of Rankin county, Chastain Flynt was elected county music director. He states: "I appreciate the honor bestowed on me and will endeavor to lend my support as best I can. I would like to complete plans for a definite program with one great purpose of enlisting all available music talent in every church in the association in a definite program to create a more wide-awake interest in the music of the church."

Mr. Flynt expects to have a county-wide school then branch out to individual churches. This will get the work done.

Loyalty Day Observed At Leland Building Enlargement Planned

DR. WILEY HONORED ON TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The morning of December 7 was the occasion of the tenth anniversary of Dr. Glen Eric Wiley's pastorate at Grenada, First Church. It was a gracious hour as Cliff Johnson, chairman of the deacons, presented flowers to the pastor with words of appreciation from the church.

Another tribute was given by C. W. Briscoe, for the Brotherhood.

The church bulletin of the anniversary date said, "Today marks the tenth anniversary of our pastor and his family in Grenada and in the First Baptist Church. Great progress has been made since Brother Wiley came to us on the first Sunday in December 1937—progress for which he has been to a large degree responsible, and progress for which we are deeply grateful."

Miss Bobbie Smith, hospital visitor and representative to the shut-ins for the Eastside Church, Rankin County, reports 56 contacts made on the field and in the local hospitals, and 80 pieces of literature distributed during the period November first to December 7. At a recent evening service a group of young people came dedicating themselves for special Christian service.

Dr. J. D. Ray of Starkville supplied at Leland for Loyalty Day. At the close of the message by Dr. Ray, Mr. John Dean, representing the Young Men's Bible Class was called upon by Deacon Calhoun to make a statement for the class of which he is a member. Mr. Dean presented to the church a deed to the property adjacent to the church for the Educational Building. The building will be known as the CHESTER QUARLES MEMORIAL BUILDING.

Mr. Quin, chairman of the deacons, accepted the gift of the property, valued at \$12,500, for the church. Someone matched the gift, and as others responded with gifts, the total pledged by the close of the service totaled \$61,240.

It was a high hour of spiritual giving and dedication. These gifts will assure educational facilities which are greatly needed.

MACEDONIA, LINCOLN COUNTY: Macedonia has 134 Record readers and not 3 as erroneously printed in a recent issue.

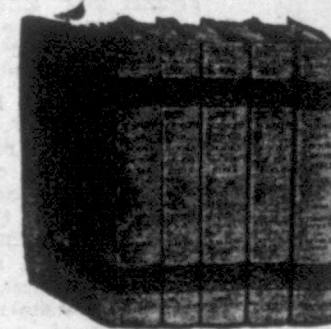
Rev. Edgar W. Reeder, for 17 years Executive Secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, died November 28, in Jacksonville, Florida, where he had resided since retiring from the position of Executive Secretary in March, 1946.

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MAKE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS COUNT

Every effort should be made to make our Christmas music programs as spiritual and worshipful as possible. All details should be worked out ahead of time. Lighting effects should be tried out before the last dress rehearsal. If changes must be made, they should be made in time to be corrected before last rehearsal.

Extra rehearsals should be planned for the next two weeks as members of the choirs will be working on some emergency job near Christmas.

MAKE A CHRISTMAS GIFT THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

In our tithing campaign for October, November and December, all of our churches will have extra money at the end of the year. Why not give a large part of this through the cooperative program? In this way your church will be helping all of our causes. This will not be done unless you suggest it.

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR 1948

Now is the time to make your music plans for 1948. In a few weeks all Pastors and musicians will receive our new 1948 Music Emphasis for churches. All of these plans and suggestions have been made by your new state officers, your eight district music directors and your state music committee.

All plans made and programs suggested are to help you with your music.

Rev. Wayne Alliston was called on November 30 to become pastor of Briar Hill Church, Rankin County. This is the Rev. Alliston's home church. Dr. B. B. Hilbun is the former pastor of the church and he resigned to become full-time pastor of the church at Florence.

In no case where the church has entered our suggested program have we had complaints about the church losing its young people or some poor type of music taking over.

If each Pastor of our state would study this program, his church would have better music.

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3. "Concert Transcriptions of Favorite Hymns" No. 1 and 2, seventy-five cents, (easy).
4. "Sacred Classics for Piano" No. 1 and 2, one dollar (medium to difficult).
5. "Chapel Musings" for the piano, seventy-five cents, (medium).
6. "Voice of Praise" (our new hymnal for choirs), eighty-five cents, (good).
7. "Symphonic Themes for Choirs," Mixed, fifty-cents, (extra good).
8. "Triumphant Service Songs" (extra hymnal for choirs), eighty-five cents, (extra good).
9. "Sacred Trios for Ladies" by Lilienas, seventy-five cents, (medium).
10. "Growing a Musical Church", (new training course book), seventy-five cents, (extra good).

All of the above can be purchased at our Baptist Book Store in Jackson. Write them for all music needs.

GLASGOW —(RNS)— The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland is losing ground, according to statistics compiled here by the Rev. Brother Clare, Marist historian. He attributed the decline to a halt in the flow of immigrants from Ireland and to the lowest Catholic birthrate of the 20th century.

REMEMBER THE ORPHANS

Christmas Gifts Suggested;
146 Names Listed

By W. G. Mize, Superintendent

While planning Christmas for your own children you may wish to include one, two, three, four or more children of the Baptist Orphanage. Because of so many requests for the names and ages of groups I am listing the names of the children. You may send the gift direct to the person of your choice or you may send the gifts to the Baptist Orphanage, 109, Jackson, with the name of the child written on the gift. The ages of the children are given in parentheses after each name.

LIST OF GIRLS AT BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Bates, Carol Jean (8); Bell, Ann Chapell (6); Byrd, Linda Sue (3); Chain, Fannie Jo (6); Craddock, Edith (9); Craddock, Hilda (7); Foster, Barbara Anne (9); Hamilton, Diane (6); Hamilton Juanita (3); Hanberry, Ruby Nell (9); Jones, Claudia (5); Jones, Florence Ann (8); Jones, Patsy (5); Lee, Margie Nell (6); Marshall, Carolyn Fay (8); Morrison, Carolyn Kaye (7); Morrison, Shirley Faye (7); Osbon, Bobby Jean (4); Osbon, Jessie Marie (6); Pittenger, Anne (6); Smith, Patricia (9); Stigall, Betty Jo (6); Woods, Dorothy (8); Bates, Bessie Lee (12); Bridges, Charlene (10); Bridges, Alene (12); Byrd, Gracie (11); Byrd, Fern (12); Bryant, Nadine (12); Coker, Ruth (9); Coker, Anna Belle (12); Cook, Dorothy Jean (11); Foster, Aileen (11); Buy, Betty (9); Hanberry, Barbara Jean (10); Hutchins, Annie Marie (10); Lee, Rachel (11); Lee, Owana (12); McCleod, Lucy Jane (10); McCleod, Elizabeth (8); Marshall, Bobbie Sue (11); Marshall, Twila (10); Marshall, Gloria (12); Osbon, Shirley (9); Pittenger, Mary Jo (12); Penton, Edna Earl (13); Penton, Dixie Nell (11); Simpson, Joyce (13); Smith, Barbara Jean (12); Strahan, Carolyn (11); Wright, Barbara Jean (12); Warren, Ollie Mae (13); Warren, Homer Dean (10); Westrope, Audrey Faith (10); Woods, Hazel (10); Wells, Gleam Ann (13); Wright, Patsy (13); Barber, Sadie Lee (18); Bankston, Sary Lee (18); Bates, Wilma Louise (14); Bryan, Madge (15); Byrd, Elizabeth (13); Marshall, Pearl Mae (16); Marshall, Louise (14); O'Brian, Barbara (15); Oglesby, Nina Jean (15); Pittenger, Maxine (15); Simpson, Joan (17); Simpson, Jean (16); Wells, Annie Mae (16); Westrope, Bobbie

Father And Son Are On Convention Board



Shown above are Rev. J. E. Cranford and his son, Rev. Jack J. Cranford, who are members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Rev. J. E. Cranford is the Board member from Covington County and Rev. Jack J. Cranford represents Tishomingo County.

It is unusual for a father and son to be members of the Board at the same time.

Earle (15); Whatley, Carolyn (14); Woods, Wanwiece (13); Yarbrough, Mancel (15); Strahan, Betty (13); Evers, Bessie Mae (20), (student in college); Rustin, Marie (13); Ferguson, Katie (18); (student in Training Baptist Hospital).

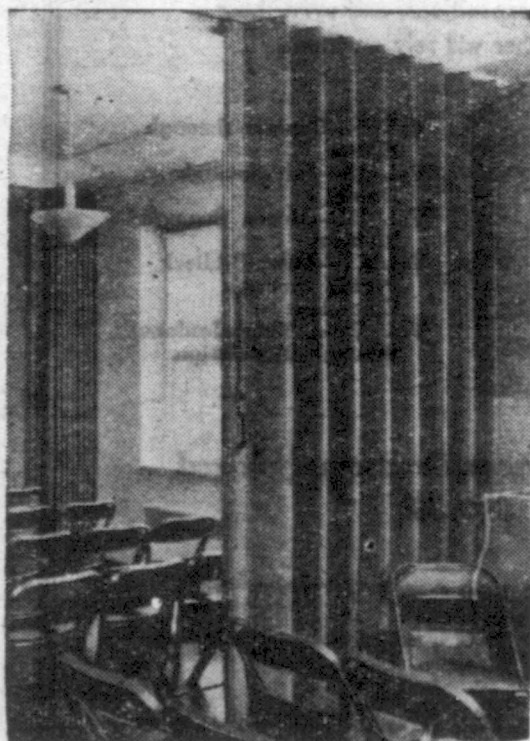
BOYS AT BAPTISTS ORPHANAGE

Boone, Danny (5); Hutchins, Joe (5); Marshall, Larry (5); McCary, Marcus Lee (5); McLendon, Harold (5); Adom, Ralph (5); Pittenger, Jimmy (4); Smith, Joe (5); Whittington, Troy (3); Bell, William (Bill) (8); Boone, Robert (6); Burbank, Dennis (9); Byrd, James Wyley (7); Demonion, Bobby Dale (8); Ferguson, Glenn (11); Hamilton, Perry (7); Hutchins, George (8); Jones, Henry Wilson (6); Lee, Max (9); Sherron, Lee (7); Marshall, Jerry (9); Meany, John Charles (9); McLendon, James (6); Mitchell, Kenneth (8); Odom, Charles (10); Pittenger, Charles (9); Ross, David (6); Stigall, Jimmy (9); Smith, Sonny (10); Smith, Jack (7); Strahan, Tommy (7); Stuart, Ray (9); Walden, Tommy (10); Wells, Charlie (9); Wells, Tommy (7); Lennox Oglesby (17); Morris, Walker (17); Kethley Elbert (17); Oglesby, Glen (18); Jones, Thaddeus (14); Holland, James (14); Kethley, Leon (15); Files, Donald Lee (14); Oglesby, Melvin (13); Williams, Danny (13); Jones, Wallace (12); Ferguson, Winfred (13); Files, Aubert James (13); Burrow, Wiley (14); Hutchins, Louis Earle (13); Chain, Tommy (11); Penton, Russell (12); Foster, J. W. (13); Chain, Billy Ray (10); Burrow, Walter (13); Hanberry, Fred (11); Kethley, Richard (12); Hamilton, Bobby (10); Bankston, Charles (15); Kethley, Joseph (9); Odom, Troy (12); Holland, Glen Earle (12); Ruston, Bennie Ray (10); Guy, Bobby Joe (9); Rustin, Sammie (15); Rustin, Joe (12); Elrod, Johnny (20), (student in college.)

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Complete reports for 1947 show the 882 Florida Baptist churches now report 225,882 members, a gain of 12,612 during the past year. The Sunday schools gained 16,554 and the Training Unions 7,985. All but 140 churches reported baptisms, a total of 13,543, a gain of 1,697 over the number reported in 1946. Gifts to local causes gained \$1,072,331 during the year to reach \$5,554,377. Mission gifts for the year dropped from \$1,321,862 to \$1,141,250. There were 108 pastorless churches reported. Florida is the first large state with all associations reporting.

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Sunday School Lesson

By Hight C. Moore
December 14, 1947

LOYALTY UNDER PERSECUTION

The book of Revelation in its opening chapters (1-7) gives first a revelation of Jesus; then a message to each of seven churches in Roman Asia; continuing with praise to God on his throne from those made perfect by the blood of the Lamb; inescapability of the wicked in the day of God's wrath; and the service of the redeemed before the throne in heaven for ever.

Lesson Text and Outline
Revelation 2:8-11; 7:9-17

I. TRIBULATION ON EARTH (Revelation 2)

And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

II. THANKSGIVING IN HEAVEN

(Revelation 7)

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

III. TRIBUTE OF THE ANGELS

(Revelation 7)

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

IV. ETERNITY WITH THE SAVIOUR

(Revelation 7)

And one of the elders answered saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains

The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: Cecil Landrum, Hazlehurst, Dr. John W. Landrum, Canton; Winford C. Ashley, Jackson; C. Y. Sudduth, Sallis; Rev. R. A. Hancock, Clinton; Rev. J. H. Royalty, Jackson; Rev. James A. Bryant, Pricedale; Rev. Bob Patterson, Clinton; Rev. Henry Bucklew, Clinton; Miss Merle Walley, Leakesville; Rev. L. D. Sellers, Carrollton; Rev. C. B. Hamlett III, Winona; Rev. Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg; J. O. Ritter, Durant; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Mrs. H. R. Carter, Tupelo; Mrs. N. B. Gilham, Tupelo; Rev. J. F. Sullivan, Jackson; Mrs. H. A. Bogah, Sturgis; L. L. Smith, Sr., Shelby; Rev. Jewett J. Burson, Shelby; Rev. J. R. Reedy, Eupora; Rev. W. R. Cooper, Jackson; Rev. M. C. Whitten, Hernando; M. P. L. Berry, Clinton; Rev. W. A. Hogan, Decatur; Rev. Kenneth G. Hall, Philadelphia; C. L. Lentz, Vicksburg; Rev. G. W. Smith, Pelahatchie; Dr. I. E. Rouse, Hattiesburg; W. F. Thomas, Rich; Rev. A. H. Childress, Lula; Rev. L. F. Haire, Sherman; Rev. H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman; Rev. D. I. Young, Greenville; Rev. Jack J. Cranford, Iuka; R. E. Gardner, Louisa; Rev. H. D. Jordan, Columbia; Rev. J. E. Cranford, Collins; J. B. Hemphill, Brookhaven; Rev. Roy R. Brigrance, Gloster; Dr. Glen Eric Wiley, Grenada; Dr. F. B. Moseley, Lucedale; Rev. L. G. Sansing, Booneville; Rev. J. P. Bush, Bentonla.

In an article about Holly Springs Church and its 107th anniversary in last week's Baptist Record a typographical error occurred. The goal for cash gifts and offerings was \$5,000 and not \$500 as printed. Of course, all who are acquainted with Holly Springs and Pastor H. H. Aultman knew that \$500 was incorrect.

December 7 was the first Sunday for Rev. J. B. Smith, as pastor of the Magee Baptist Church. It was a good beginning, 379 in Sunday School, and an overflowing crowd for the preaching service. All seats in the main auditorium were filled to capacity, and the crowd surely was not disappointed as Pastor Smith brought a great message.—Reporter.

The postoffice department today emphasized that your cheerful Christmas greetings won't come to grief in the Dead Letter Office this year if your Christmas cards bear your return address and are sent by first class mail, which entitles them to both forwarding and return and to directory service, except when mailed locally for local delivery in which case the mailer has access to local directories.

The following students of Blue Mountain Christmas revival will begin at Mt. Zion Church in Smith County on Friday, December 26 and continue through Sunday with services all day and dinner on the grounds. The services will be under the direction of the new pastor, Rev. Henry Bucklew.

From the minutes of the Seventy-Second annual session of Calhoun County Association we glean the following facts: Membership 7,671, baptisms 349, additions by letter 246, tithers 249, designated gifts \$5,747 and for Co-operative Program \$7,714, enrolled in Sunday School 3,307, in Training Union 795, in W. M. U. 605.

of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

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Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Revelation 2:10

The duty of faithfulness is one of the cardinal duties of the Christian life. It is faith at work under fire. It is the energy of faith against odds. It is the loyalty and love of faith when the day is dark and the foe is mighty. It prevades and empowers life. It is not dismayed in the face of death.

40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.
40 YEARS AGO

Rev. W. A. Roper goes from a successful pastorate with the Highland church Meridian, to the First Baptist church, Biloxi.

Pastor E. T. Mobberly, Leland, has been called to Booneville and will begin his pastoral duties there on Jan. 1.

Elder "Odd," delivering the charge at Brother G's ordination says: (1). Be yourself, (2). Always wear a clean shirt, (3). When you begin, begin, (4). Preach your own sermons, (5). Study hard, (6). Above all pray.

25 YEARS AGO

Pastor B. H. Lovelace began a meeting, himself preaching, at Clinton last Sunday. The people had hoped to get into their new church house for the meeting, but were disappointed because of delays in completion.

The Central church, McComb, dedicated their new \$20,000 house of worship last Sunday. Dr. R. B. Gunter preaching the sermon. The church gave the pastor, Rev. J. H. Lane, a vacation to go to Europe, his sons paying the bill.

Miss Juliette Mather, College Correspondent and Young Peoples Leader (W.M.U.) was in the State November 11-19 for a speaking engagement and conference with 700 or more College girls, whose lives were enriched by her messages and personal touch.

Pastor W. A. Sullivan of Okla., reports every department of work encouraging, general interest steadily growing, practically 100% enlisted, no "protracted meeting" for more than two years, but having additions by letter and for baptism throughout the year, and "have faith that the next twelve months will be the greatest year this church ever saw."

Rev. T. W. Green reports an all-day service at the Sardis church, Copiah Co., Rev. W. S. Blackman, pastor. Its purpose was to close out "at high tide the work for the year, and also for planning the work for next year." It proved a glorious success.

Pastor Selsus E. Tull reports from Greenwood a great day when \$30,310 was subscribed for a new house of worship, with the expectancy of going to \$40,000 shortly. In the last thirty-five days 121 had been added to membership, reaching 328 mark.

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Baptists, Jews Ask High Court Decision Against Religion In Schools

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)—The Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations and two national Jewish organizations have asked the U. S. Supreme Court to rule as unconstitutional a program of religious education operating in the public schools of Champaign, Illinois.

The case is before the court on the appeal of Mrs. Vashti McCollum, a professed atheist and the wife a University of Illinois professor. She objects to the half-hour religious lessons conducted in the public school attended by her twelve-year-old son.

E. Hilton Jackson, attorney for the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, said he had been directed to file the brief by his Committee, which represents the four largest Baptist Conventions, with a membership of fourteen million.

"The action of the Committee does not of course commit the entire Baptist membership to our stand," Jackson said here. "Baptists often have differences of opinion on public questions."

"The Committee felt that the teaching of religion in the public schools of Champaign was violative of the First Amendment, separation of Church and State."

Jackson emphasized that the position taken by the Committee is not binding on individual Baptist anywhere in the country.

The Synagogue Council of America and the National Community Relations Advisory Council both filed a statement as friend of the court. They declared this was the first instance in which "practically in presenting their position formally to the high court."

The two groups stressed that their views should not be interpreted as any hostility to "religious instruction as such." They said they regretted the test case before the court had been brought by an atheist, and added they wished to disassociate themselves completely "from the anti-religious views of the appellants."

Baptists Blast Movies As Devil's Advertising Agency

OWENSBORO, N. Y. —(RNS)—A report on "civic righteousness and public morals" adopted by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky declared that "beyond question of doubt the picture show is the No. 1 advertising agency of the devil."

The report blamed commercial moving pictures as having "done more to popularize sin and break down spiritually our churches than any one thing."

It criticized the relaxed attitude of many ministers and congregations toward movies as "the cancer of our church." George E. Hays, Jr., Louisville, who reads the report, said "none of my five children ever has been inside a commercial motion picture show."

A motion by Dr. J. Campbell Jeffries, a Louisville pastor, to have all delegates pledge they "never again will enter a commercial motion picture show" was declared out of order by the moderator.



OKLAHOMA MERCHANTS CONTRIBUTE \$4,000 IN CLOTHING TO RELIEF

STILLWATER, Okla. —(BP)—Two brother-merchants have set the pace for aid to cold and hungry peoples of Europe by donating more than \$4,000 worth of clothing to the First church here.

The Bates brothers, Sam and Tom, both of whom are Baptists, explained to Dr. C. Dewitt Matthews, pastor, and W. A. Doty, chairman of the church's welfare committee, that the clothing was "wartime" standard and would not sell readily since the newer and better made materials have appeared in competition, although it will help to keep people warm.

Dr. Matthews and Mr. Doty were very glad to accept the donation consisting of overcoats, trousers, shoes, jackets and shorts, to help swell the Southern Baptist Convention's quota of food and clothing to aid the needy people of Europe.

The church's Woman Missionary Society members are sorting and preparing the clothing and shoes for shipment to New Orleans where it will be sent to Europe.

"This is a fine gesture by two fine Baptists," Dr. Matthews said. "The clothing to a movement that will help Christian people preserve the peace so dearly won."

Maryland Legislature Passes Bus Bills; Separation Of Church And State Slowly Being Undermined

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—A bill permitting transportation on public school buses of children attending parochial schools in Anne Arundel County, Md., was passed at a special session of the Maryland legislature here.

The bill, introduced in the General Assembly by the Anne Arundel county delegation as an emergency measure, did not refer to parochial schools as such, but simply as "non-profit schools." It was passed by a three-fifths majority of the two houses and promptly signed by Governor William Preston Lane, Jr.

The bill authorized the county commissioners to levy and appropriate annually sufficient funds to defray the costs incurred by carrying into effect its provisions and for establishing new bus routes if, in their discretion, they were deemed desirable, and for the purchase of additional buses if needed.

Another bill, passed at the same special session of the legislature, permitted the school board of Charles County to change its bus routes if necessary in order to transport children to and from schools, not receiving state aid.

Supreme Court Upholds Conviction Of Jehovah's Witnesses

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)—The United States Supreme Court, in a 5 to 4 decision, upheld the conviction of three members of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect who were charged with violating the Selective Service Act by refusing to work at conscientious objector camps on the ground that they were ordained ministers.

The three Witnesses were Wesley William Cox and Theodore Romaine Thompson of Jackson County, Ore., and Wilbur, Roisum of Sunnyside Wash. Cox and Thompson were sentenced to three years and three months, plus \$300 fines, for leaving a camp at Downey, Idaho. Roisum failed to return to a camp at Lapine, Ore., after receiving a week-end pass. He

was sentenced to two years in prison.

The sect members had been sent to the camps after their draft boards had refused them exemption as ministers.

Justice Reed said that the records showed the three Witnesses had spent only a small portion of their time in religious activities. He declared the draft boards had "adequate basis" for denying them ministers' deferments.

Justice William O. Douglas, who dissented, said that to deny the three men "their statutory exemption is to disregard (the) facts or to adopt a definition of minister which contradicts the classification provided by Congress."

Baptists Set Clinical Training Course

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. —(RNS)—Plans have been announced for a six week's course in clinical pastoral training at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital here Jan. 5-Feb. 12 under the sponsorship of the hospital's Department of Religion.

"The course will not be as intensive nor as long as the one given in the summer for seminary students," according to the Rev. Richard K. Young, hospital chaplain. "It is designed specifically for the pastor already on the field and will require four hours a day to be spent in the hospital five days a week. This will enable the pastor to return to his field on Friday afternoon, or if in driving any distance from the hospital, he can drive in each morning and return each afternoon."

"The course will consist of an intensive study in personality development with reference to emotional problems that may arise and the place of a minister as a counselor in regard to such problems. Its purpose is that of gaining a better insight into human nature, thereby revitalizing the Christian aspects of the 'healing ministry' as set forth by Jesus."

New Type Tracts Available

A significant innovation in tract publishing has been announced by Dr. Hugh R. Monro, President of the American Tract Society, New York City, who reports that the Society now has available for distribution the first titles of a new and entirely different line of pamphlets to be known as "The Thinker Series."

These booklets, prepared especially for students in colleges and universities, are designed to present the message of historical Christianity to the intellectual individual on the latter's own ground. They consist mainly of the very words of the selected front-rank scientists who have been called on to give their witness to the basic question, "Is Christian faith possible, or intellectually justifiable, in the face of scientific discovery?" The facts in each case, with a minimum of interpretation and comment, are allowed to speak for themselves.

This material is being distributed entirely free of charge, to the extent made possible by contributions for this purpose, by the American Tract Society, in order to aid in guiding the students enrolled in record numbers in our higher institutions of learning.

PROTESTANTS URGED TO BACK THEIR SCHOOLS

ROANOKE, Va. —(RNS)—Education in the United States may pass entirely into the hands of the State and the Roman Catholic Church unless Protestants put more money, loyalty and love into their educational institutions, Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, dean of the school of religion of Wake Forest (N. C.) College, told the Baptist General Association here.

Many Catholic educational institutions are "richly endowed" and adequately staffed, but some 400 other Christian colleges in the United States are sub-standard, despite the fact that "the Church is the mother of education," Dr. Blanton declared.

Christian colleges must do more than State or privately-endowed institutions towards awakening students to life's responsibilities, he continued. They must give an intelligent explanation of man and the universe, must have an interpretation of human history and must prepare men and women to assume leadership in the world, the church and their respective communities.

D. C. BAPTISTS REPORT 27,162 MEMBERS IN 35 CHURCHES

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(BP)—The District of Columbia Baptist Convention has entered its 71st year of activity in the nation's capitol, after hearing Executive Secretary M. C. Smith relate growth of Baptist work in Washington from 1802 when six members met in the treasury building basement to its present status of 27,162 members met in the treasury building basement to its present status of 27,162 members in 35 churches. There were six churches with 1,400 members when cooperative work began in 1877.

The Convention voted an annual budget of \$207,956 for their co-operative work in 1948 and a relief goal of clothing for 25,000 people. The budget is the largest in the history of Washington Baptists. Of it, \$83,062 will be given in equal amount to the Northern and the Southern Baptist Conventions.

Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, was elected convention president.

Dr. Smith told the assembled messengers that in the Washington area's population of 1,250,000, only 459,000 make any profession of religion. He said the need must be met with a program of continuous evangelism, Christian stewardship and tithing, and "mutual dependence one on another."